

# LONGFELLOW

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

## Summer Festival 2006

*Music, poetry, and history for all ages at the Longfellow House*



### *The Bard & the Bear!*

Sunday, August 27, 1 – 4:30 pm

From 1 to 4 pm **Horace**, the 102 year-old Longfellow family bear, greets visitors and welcomes the new limited-edition Steiff teddy bear, modeled after the distinguished elder bear.

At 2 pm **Christoph Irmscher**, author of *Longfellow Redux*, offers a fresh and intriguing look at Longfellow as family man, poet, and scholar. Book signing follows the talk.



Prof. Christoph Irmscher. Photo by Tim Ford.



Concordant Volunteers at Family Days

June 4, Sunday, 3 pm

**Franz Wright**, poet and winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for *Walking to Martha's Vineyard*, reads from his works, including his most recent volume, *God's Silence*. Book signing.



Franz Wright.  
Photo by Elizabeth Oehlkers Wright.

July 2, Sunday, 4 pm

**Commonwealth Horn Trio** presents the works of J. S. Bach, Mozart, Barrows, Reicha, and Shaw performed by Jim Mosher, Dirk Hillyer, and James Baker.



Honor Moore.  
Photo by Bill Hayward.

July 9, Sunday, 4 pm  
**Honor Moore**, poet and editor of *Amy Lowell: Selected Poems*, author of *Red Shoes* and recently published memoir, *The Bishop's Daughter*, reads from the works of Amy Lowell. Book signing.

July 16, Sunday, 4 pm

**Eugene Kim & Jin-Kyung Joen**, cello and violin duo, perform music of J.S. Bach, Eugene Ysaie, and Handel-Halvorsen.



Eugene Kim



Jin-Kyung Joen



John Barr

July 23, Sunday, 4 pm  
**John Barr & Christian Wiman** discuss poetry in the 21st Century and read from their works. John Barr is president of The Poetry Foundation and author of *Grace* and *The War Zone*. Christian Wiman is editor of *Poetry* magazine and author of *The Long Home* and *Hard Night*. Book signing.



Christian Wiman

July 30, Sunday, 4 pm

**Grace Long & James Brooks** interpret the poems of Henry W. Longfellow through theatrical recitation and song set to the music of 19th-century composers.



James Brooks



Grace Long

August 6, Sunday, 4 pm

**Salute to Montale** — **Harry Thomas**, editor of *Montale In English*, and **David Ferry**, translator, pay tribute to the Italian poet Eugenio Montale, 1975 Nobel Prize winner, regarded as one of the preeminent European poets of the last century. Book signing.

August 10, Thursday, 5 pm

**Arev Armenian Folk Ensemble** presents the musical traditions of the Armenian people, using both traditional folk as well as contemporary instruments. Co-sponsored with Cambridge Arts Council.



Sunday, August 13, 4 pm

**Janet Jacobson**, violin concert featuring works by Norwegian violinist and Longfellow friend Ole Bull, Franz Liszt, Antonin Dvorak, and Beethoven.

August 20, Sunday, 4 pm

**Voices of Diversity, the Poets of Curbstone Press** features Jon Andersen, Nguyen Ba Chung, Kevin Bowen, Robert Clawson, Martha Collins, Martin Espada, Danielle Legros-Georges, Aracelis Girmay, James O'Hern, and Tino Villanueva. Book signing.

## Arts in the Park

### *Painting & Poetry in the Longfellow Garden*

Every Sunday Afternoon,  
July September, 1–4 pm

Enjoy summer in the garden! Come paint, draw, and write in the informal and inspiring setting of the historic Longfellow house and grounds. Read aloud Longfellow's poetry. All materials provided free. Families and children welcome.

### *Family Days – Many Voices, Many Stories!*

September 23 & 24,  
Saturday & Sunday, 1–4:30 pm  
Step back into Civil War times to meet Longfellow family and friends, guided by the **Concordant Volunteers**. Longfellow Student Poetry Contest winners receive their awards on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Also, choose from regular house tours, reading and writing of poetry, painting and drawing in the Longfellow garden, and 19th-century games.



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**Longfellow National Historic Site**  
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Open Wednesday–Sunday, 10 am–4:30 pm for guided house tours.  
Admission: \$3.00 for persons over 15.

*All programs are FREE, open to everyone and take place on the side lawn of Longfellow National Historic Site, except where noted. Seating is limited. No parking is available. Blankets and lawn chairs encouraged. Program Sponsors: Friends of the Longfellow House, New England Poetry Club, Longy School of Music, Cambridge Arts Council, and Longfellow National Historic Site, National Park Service.*



## Summer 2006 Program Sponsors

### *Longfellow National Historic Site, National Park Service*

Longfellow National Historic Site at 105 Brattle Street in Cambridge joined the national park system in 1972. Its many layers of history, distinguished architecture, gardens and grounds, and extensive museum collections represent the birth and flowering of our nation and are a continuing source of inspiration for school children and scholars alike. The Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House most notably served as headquarters for General George Washington in the early months of the Revolutionary War, July 1775 to April 1776. It was later the home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of America's foremost poets and scholars, and his family from 1837 to 1950.

### *Friends of the Longfellow House*

The Friends of the Longfellow House is a not-for-profit voluntary group established in 1994 to work cooperatively with the National Park Service to benefit and support the Longfellow National Historic Site. The Friends promotes scholarly access to collections, publications that illuminate site history, interpretive and educational visitor programs, and advocacy for the highest quality preservation and care of buildings, grounds, and collections. Visit their website at [www.longfellowfriends.org](http://www.longfellowfriends.org).

### *New England Poetry Club*

The New England Poetry Club was founded in 1915 by Amy Lowell, Robert Frost and Conrad Aiken. The Club sponsors the oldest poetry reading series in the country and has been bringing internationally renowned poets to read at Longfellow House for over twenty-five years as a program partner.

### *Longy School of Music*

The Longy School of Music is a vibrant conservatory and school of preparatory and continuing music education located near Harvard Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It offers degree and diploma programs and training for students of all ages and varying aspirations.

### *Cambridge Arts Council*

The Cambridge Arts Council (CAC) is the official arts agency for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Its mission is to ensure that the arts remain vital for people living, working and visiting Cambridge through Summer in the City and other programs.



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